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**I-265-001**

Stephanie,  
I feel I need to send this to you. I have been to all 3 meetings but this last one was very difficult to make ----we arrived at 8:00 the meeting was from 5:00pm-8:00pm. This is our milking time on our farm and may of our neighbors. They were already packed up and leaving. Yes 3 were willing to stay and talk but everything was packed up. If this power line is going through our land do you think they could at least accommodate to our work hours? This line looks to be on our front lawn, my kids will be mowing lawn around it!

Please read my attachments and file them.  
Thank you  
Carrie Kerfeld

## **I-265-001**

Your comment has been noted. The project is still in the development and planning stages and the utilities are striving to provide the most up to date information in a timely manner. Project information is updated regularly on the project website, [www.capx2020.com](http://www.capx2020.com).

The Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be available on the RUS website at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>. Comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be solicited after its publication.

August 1,2009

To the Public Utilities Commission,

I am writing to state how disappointed I am to hear that you are considering putting your high power lines on our property and in our beautiful landscapes here in central Minnesota. We are in Section . We live between Mcrose and Freeport.

Do you realize that we have many vacationers in this part? We have Big Birch Lake right here that people come down to visit on their vacations. We have bald eagles, we'll see as many as 5 at one time, there are 2 that fly above our house every morn and evening, we have frogs that sing to us nightly, the tree look wonderful on our hills especially in the fall. We love our wildlife and we abide by the ways of keeping them here and safe. By our house, and down the road we have up to @ 30 deer and countless turkeys eating at times in the evening and early mornings for years. We love watching these animals, there are people who drive by here just to see them. They eat right up to the edge of the field, close to County Road 17. We enjoy this tremendously, we are the farmers of central Minnesota. We care for our land. We care for our farm animals, they are our lively hood. We have cows in our pasture, right on the south side of Co. Rd. 17. Beach Valley Rd. comes to a T at this pasture. There are trees, hills, valleys & a waterway, and cows that feed off the land, with our farm in the back ground. This is a road that people go down to their homes or to their cabins. They comment on how they enjoy this picture perfect look. They stop to take pictures of our land!

We need you to understand the affects it will have on us individuals. We need your help to keep these lines off our property so we have pure nature out here. We need you to keep these lines on I94, where it will just blend in with all the other utilities, road signs, industries and noises. Please stay on our side, we are a few people who need you to understand our position.

You already have the state cut in half with the interstate, the state owns this and has the right to use it for a straight line from Monticello to Fargo. MNdot does not own the freeway. Wobegan bikers do not buy a license to keep up the trail, we have talked to bikers that use the trail and they use a different stretch more often because it's more scenic. So to keep the power line away from the interstate because of the Wobegon Trail is not a reasonable excuse. Snowmobilers use the trail to get to each town faster, if they want beauty they take another route. You can ask any biker or snowmobiler. There are fewer homes to go around next to the interstate. Please check this out.

To fight this is like having another part time job. This is probably a reason why you are not hearing from a lot of farmers. We are busy all year around, up to 16 hours per day. We want to be home with our families, we are working from before sunrise to after sunset. We don't have the time to be with you watching each step and fighting each person who wants to put these lines on our private property. Most feel that no matter what they say or do won't make a difference, feeling that you already made your choice of routes. We have put a tremendous amount of time and money into our land and buildings. We have future generations coming to live and work here. They would feel cheated to know that you did not think of them. If we lose this battle, we would appreciate an on going compensation for us now and for our grandkids. We need to know you appreciate what we are doing for you. We want this stretch of line on I94.

Thank You, Carrie Kerfeld and family



To whom it may concern:

July 25, 2008

I am writing about the project on the high power line "CapX 2020". I have went to your two recent meeting held in the Melrose area. I hope that you will look at this project closer to see if you can eliminate going over farm land. We are scared of the consequences, the noise, the threats it entitles, the beauty it may kill around it, if it be the birds, animals or people. We enjoy pure nature, the beauty of the skies, land and sounds. It looks like it will be affecting us dramatically - Cutting the trees down, ruining homes, lakes and pastures (shelter for our cows and other animals). We chose to live on a farm in the country to hear and see the land and to take care of it for future generations.

If you choose to go through farm land, do you think our land will be worth as much with these power lines? We need to consider the future generations on this land, such as a loan on the land with rental payments, free electricity or get paid a certain % for each post on their land per month now and generations to come. We need to have a contract; we need it in writing for every acre it affects, post or no post. Year after year, we need to know we are appreciated in having this on our land.

I would like you to challenge this group to go to schools on this route and have a question/answer time. Also challenge this group to go to the extension office to get a list of farmers who are willing to give tours of their farms. More young families are health conscience, doing preventive health. Companies like this need to help support healthy ways of living.

If it comes by our place we will have personal contact with it 24 hours a day. I am a stay at home Mom of 5 children, school age and younger. We're here all the time. Our future generation will be here and possibly die here - which is true for many farmers.

I would like to give you a taste of what it would be like for CapX 2020 going through our land and possible farmstead. Depending on what time of year it will be put up, it will affects us differently. If it is being put up in the Spring, they will use X amount of acres for their equipment. We won't be able to seed that part of the land that year - we will have lost that amount of grain for our cows. Then you take the summer, we'll have spend hours upon hours buying seed, working the fields 2 times, sowing the seed, picking rocks, fertilizer, spraying up to 2-3 times for weeds and bugs. The poles get put up and all this time, acres of crop will be lost, money and effort gets thrown to the wayside. Winter would of course be the best, but a farmer has to wonder what kind of top soil will be left for us to farm on. We farm miles of land along Co. Rd. 17 so we will be dealing with a many power line post. Another thing what if the cows have new issues that come up, we have to hire people to figure out the problem that we never had before. Per acre farmers use less electricity then a city of houses so why dump this on us.

Please reconsider, find another way so it doesn't drag across the state and onto precious farm land. Stay on the I-94 route, town people can move easier then a farmer and most will only be around the high power line for a third or half the time.

Thank You,  
Sincerely,



Carrie Kerfeld

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Hi  
I just sent you an e-mail but I never wrote what section I am in .....please help remove us from this power line.  
Tile H-8 #5 & #8

Thanks,  
Carrie Kerfeld